

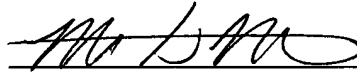
REMARKS

In the examiner's Final Office Action, claims 43-45 were rejected and claims 46-49 were allowed. Applicant previously submitted a Notice of Appeal from those rejections, but now withdraws its appeal and cancels all rejected claims.

Therefore, after entry of the amendments herein, the instant application will include only allowed claims 46-49, and should stand in condition for immediate allowance. Should any matters remain unresolved, the examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned agent.

Respectfully submitted,

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